

HOUSE BILL No. 1769

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 4-1.5-8; IC 4-1.5-9.

Synopsis: Trade compliance office and community grants. Creates the office of trade compliance (office) within the Indiana economic development corporation (corporation) to: (1) monitor unfair trade practices; (2) bring trade actions; (3) work with the department of workforce development to maximize federal assistance programs; and (4) prepare an annual trade impact report. Requires the corporation to identify counties that have certain levels of job displacement or unemployment to receive community comeback grants of up to \$25,000 in matching funds for strategic job planning. Annually appropriates \$250,000 from the economic development fund for community comeback grants.

Effective: July 1, 2005.

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January 19, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Commerce, Economic Development and Small Business.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state offices and administration and to make an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 4-1.5-8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2005]:
4 **Chapter 8. Office of Trade Compliance**
5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "department" refers to the**
6 **department of workforce development established by**
7 **IC 22-4.1-2-1.**
8 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "office" refers to the office of**
9 **trade compliance established by section 4 of this chapter.**
10 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "unfair trade practice" includes**
11 **the following:**
12 **(1) Dumping (exporting a product to Indiana at a price below**
13 **the normal price of the product at its location of origin).**
14 **(2) Intellectual property infringement.**
15 **(3) Creating trade barriers.**
16 **Sec. 4. The office of trade compliance is established within the**
17 **corporation.**



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Sec. 5. The office shall do the following:

- (1) Monitor and document unfair trade practices in Indiana.
- (2) Assist individuals to bring action against unfair trade practices.
- (3) Work with the department to maximize federal assistance programs, including trade adjustment assistance programs administered by the United States Department of Labor.
- (4) Build interstate coalitions.
- (5) Annually report on trade impact in Indiana. The office shall submit a report under this subdivision to the following:
 - (A) The governor.
 - (B) The lieutenant governor.
 - (C) The general assembly, in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

Sec. 6. The office may take any other action that the office determines will promote trade with and in Indiana.

Sec. 7. The corporation and the department shall use:

- (1) existing staff and resources; and
- (2) authorized but vacant staff positions;

of both agencies to perform the duties under this chapter.

Sec. 8. The office may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this chapter.

SECTION 2. IC 4-1.5-9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]:

Chapter 9. Community Comeback Grants

Sec. 1. The corporation may designate as a trade impact county a county that meets one (1) or both of the following statistical criteria, as determined by the department of workforce development established by IC 22-4.1-2-1:

- (1) The unemployment rate in the county exceeds the unemployment rate of eighty percent (80%) of Indiana counties.
- (2) The average rate of displaced employees in the county over the immediately preceding five (5) years exceeds the displacement rate of eighty percent (80%) of Indiana counties.

Sec. 2. (a) The corporation shall award a community comeback grant to a trade impact county designated under section 1 of this chapter in an amount determined under subsection (b).

(b) The amount of a community comeback grant awarded under subsection (a) equals the amount of money, up to twenty-five

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1 thousand dollars (\$25,000), that the trade impact county has
 2 dedicated during the fiscal year to purposes enumerated in section
 3 3 of this chapter.

4 (c) The total amount of community comeback grants awarded
 5 in a fiscal year may not exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars
 6 (\$250,000).

7 Sec. 3. A trade impact county shall use a community comeback
 8 grant for the following purposes:

9 (1) Strategic job planning, including job creation investments.

10 (2) Implementing the Indiana economic development council's
 11 strategic plan described in IC 4-3-14-5(2).

12 (3) Enhancing the county's appeal to new or growing
 13 businesses.

14 Sec. 4. There is appropriated annually from the economic
 15 development fund created by IC 4-4-7-2 two hundred fifty
 16 thousand dollars (\$250,000) for community comeback grants.

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